

# LETTER

Mr. Ridpeth

Author of the Flying Post

London, April 6th 1704.

Agent, an Pamphlet, Entituled an Account of the Proceedings in Scotland against David Baillie, with Relation to the PLOT.

Edinburgh, March 30th. 1704.

**M**R. Baillie formerly mentioned, did yesterday stand on the Pillary again, according to the Sentence mentioned in my last, and had more Tokens of Respects shew'd him, by all degrees of People, than the day before. The Mob pelted the Guards with Stones, but they took no notice of it, not thinking it convenient to incense such a numerous Rabble, who buzza'd him out of Town in his way to the Castle of Blackness, where he is to stay till an occasion of Transportation offer.

The Author being unjustly reflected upon in a Malicious Pamphlet: Intituled, An Account of the Proceedings in Scotland against David Baillie, with Relation to the Plot: despis'd those Reflections so far, because manifest untruths in Matter of Fact, that he design'd never to have taken any notice of them, but finding several People led into mistakes concerning him, by that malicious Libel, which represents him as a Tool to the Jacobite Party in Scotland, he thinks himself obliged to say,

That his Education, the whole conduct of his Life, will acquite him of that spiteful charge, and that the Party in Scotland, whom the Loose and Frathy Libeller misrepresents as Jacobites, consist of many of the greatest as well as best of Men in the Nation, who pursue the Principles of the Revolution, and not a few of them, always oppos'd, and several of them

them suffered for opposing Tyranny and Popery, when some of his admir'd Party were known to be Persecutors,

The main of the Party, whom that Lybeller misrepresents as Jacobites, plead for nothing but the ancient Constitution of their Country; and to have such a Government continued, both in Church and State, as may secure their Christian and Civil Liberty; and if Men of contrary Principles join with them in Parliament, or otherwise upon different views; They are no ways answerable for that, nor under any Obligation to refuse their Votes, which others would willingly purchase.

The Author of this Paper never run down the belief of a Plot, but on the contrary, has frequently given such hints of the insolence of the Jacobites in Scotland & of their Nonjurant Clergy, as if duly enquired into, might have given more light into the Plot, than Captain Frazer's evidence; but the humour and interest of some of the Lybellers Friends, made them follow another Scent.

The Lybellers Charge upon the Author of this Paper, That he pretended in the Flying Post of the 2d. of March to give Baillies Letter Verbatim and yet left out a Clause of it, is a gross Falshood.

In the Introduction to his Account of Baillies tryal, he tells the Reader it is only the substance of it; and the Clause left out, is nothing of Matter of Fact: But Baillies Reflections upon the Lybellers Friends; for omitting of which, they have no reason to be angry at. What was said in the Flying Post of the 4th March, That Baillie offered to abjure Popery, is true. Let the Lybeller deny it if he can, In the mean time the Author of the Flying Post is no ways concerned, either to Justifie or Condemn Baillie, what he said is Matter of Fact; And if the Lybellers Friends had sent their Account of it to the Author of the Flying Post, and if he had refused to insert them, they might then have complained of his partiality.

I shall only add, that the Lybeller seems to be very well qualify'd to second Captain Frazer's Evidence, and since he so impudently charges the first Peer of his Country, with a design to teach Baillie his Cue; he had best go down to the Parliament of Scotland and prove it.

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